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Copies of the three listed foreign patent documents are attached. With respect to these documents, WO 97/24028 and DE 20017120 were cited in a Search Report that issued in connection with related, PCT International Application No. PCT/CH2004/00392. A copy of the PCT Search Report is enclosed as part of this submission. The other listed document, FR 2810503, is referred to one page 1 of the specification of the present application. English abstracts for FR 2810503 and DE 20017120 are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider each of the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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